



ESTABLISHED 1868.

FAIRMONT, WEST VIRGINIA, THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 20, 1920.

SINGLE COPY 5 CENTS

MONTGOMERY'S ACTIVE BACKERS NOT REPUBLICANS

Republicans Breathe Easier
Since Practical Collapse
of Candidacy.

ATTEMPT TO RAID PARTY

Labor Leaders are in Open
Revolt Against Montgom-
ery Candidacy.

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian.)
CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 20.—
Republican leaders here and in various
sections of West Virginia who
have given aid service to keep the Re-
publican party in power and authority
throughout the whole of the state,
have been pleased with the reports
that the campaign of Samuel B. Mont-
gomery for the Republican nomination
for governor is crumbling.
It is well known that the Republican
leaders of West Virginia who have the
best interests of the party in mind
have been thinking seriously of the
Montgomery candidacy for the reason
that they consider it a menace to par-
ty success, backed as he has been by
the "red" element of both parties, who
while endorsing Montgomery have en-
dorsed the Plumb plan, the release of
prisoners who were aiding Germany
throughout the war and commending
Burgess Debs, now serving a prison
term for disloyal utterances.
It has been no open secret among
Republicans who have the welfare of
the party at heart that the radicals
who are supporting Montgomery have
sought to use the Republican
party as the vehicle which they will
use to give them increased power in
West Virginia.
Few of the radicals of the so-called
Non-partisan league have ever been
affiliated with the Republican party.
Practically all of them have opposed
the Republican nominees for the past
several years. The leaders in the Non-
partisan league supported President
Wilson four years ago and two years
later opposed Davis Elkins for the
United States Senate.
Fred Mooney, now seeking the Re-
publican nomination for house of dele-
gates, continues on page four.)

SAFE ROBBERS BLEW \$700 JUST OUT OF THEIR REACH

Dynamited Door off of Safe—Big Steel Box Flopped
Square Over On Its Face—Marion Supply Com-
pany at Bingham Lost No Cash.

Safe crackers played a huge joke on
themselves at about two o'clock this
morning when they blew the safe in
the store of the Marion Supply Co. at
Bingham and found when the smoke
cleared away that although they had
blown off the door, the safe lay face
downward on the floor and could not
be budged. H. C. Fluharty, store man-
ager, stated that the safe contained
\$700 in cash and a lot of postage
stamps and valuable papers.
When Superintendent Avis H. Peters
arrived at the store at the usual time
this morning, he found to his surprise
that the place had all the appearance
of having been struck by a cyclone.
Windows were broken, office furniture
upset, drawers ransacked but nothing
of value was missing, the robbers evi-
dently having planned to secure the
contents of the safe.
Several residents in the neigh-
borhood, stated that morning that they
heard the explosion, but paid no at-
tention to the matter.
Deputy Sheriff John Glover and
Howard Woodward were dispatched to
the scene with Sheriff Glover's blood-
hound as soon as the robbery was dis-
covered.
Upon their arrival at Bingham, the
dogs took up a trail that lead to
Kilarn where the robbers evidently
took to an automobile and escaped.

EMPTY ARE VERY SHORT IN FAIRMONT COAL REGION TODAY

Monongahela and W. M. R.
R. Have Practically None
At All

Empty in the Fairmont region to-
day are running short. The Mononga-
hela railway having none at all in the
West Virginia district, while the
Western Maryland railroad has very
few on the Helen's Run and Wyatt-
Bingham branches. The empty sup-
ply on the Monongahela division of the
Baltimore and Ohio railroad is slight-
ly better than on Tuesday and Wed-
nesday, but the early morning place-
ment is lower than either day.
On the Baltimore & Ohio railroad
today there are 764 cars and the early
morning placement is 644. Cars are
classified as follows: Open, 649;
coke, 20; n. e. c. x., 21; M. V. T., 74.
Fifty-seven mines are idle. Cars
left over from the previous day were
79. The mines today ordered 1600
empty of which number twenty
were for coke loading. There are
probably less than 400 cars for com-
mercial loading on the division to-
day.
Not a single empty was secured in
the West Virginia district of the Mon-
ongahela railroad today for coal load-
ing. There were 132 cars placed in
the Pennsylvania district.
Empty are very short on the Helen's
Run and Wyatt-Bingham
branches of the Western Maryland
railroad today. Not more than twen-
(Continued on Page Four)

Morgan Meeting to be Held Here Monday Night

Arrangements are being made
today for a Morgan mass meeting
to be held at the court house here
Monday evening, beginning at
7:30 o'clock. Judge Morgan who
will wind up his campaign for the
Republican gubernatorial nomina-
tion at the end of the week in the
extreme lower end of the state will
reach home some time Monday
morning and as there has been
considerable demand upon the part
of his home folks to have a Morgan
meeting the Republican lead-
ers who have been taking care of
Judge Morgan's interest locally de-
cided today to comply with the de-
mand. Details of the arrange-
ments will be announced later,
after Judge Morgan is communicat-
ed with.

POLICE GET MAN WHO ABUSED THE LEGION

Cologne Drinkers Are Care-
less About Their Bot-
tles.

Two drunks at police court this
morning were fined \$5 each and paid
up. These were: John Layton, who
was heard talking against the Ameri-
can Legion on Main street last night
and was found to be intoxicated. This
morning one of the Legion members
came to the station to find out whether
or not Layton had been in the service
and what his motives were in
talking against the Legion. When
Layton was released he followed him
out into the street. Rocks were
thrown at the other offender.
Dr. Clyde Nell paid \$2 for parking
his car without lights.
Chief Moran is in Pittsburgh today
on business.
A number of cologne bottles were
brought to the mayor this morning,
with the information that these were
being found in large numbers in the
alley back of the Court house. The
mayor said he realized that a great
amount of cologne and hair tonic and
extracts are being imbibed in Marion
county at this time.

City Library Books Are For Sale Cheap

The directors of the public library
are offering for sale the books of the
library which opens opportunity for
many to acquire possession of books
cheaply. The books will be sold from
2:00 to 5:30 and from 7:30 to 9:00
for half the original cost if in good
condition and for less than this if in
poor condition. No books will be
sold after May 23. The librarian will
be in charge and will conduct the sale
and as the best books will go first
those coming to the sale early will
have the best choice.

NOTICE.

All local unions in Marion county
are instructed to send delegates to
the Non-Partisan Campaign Con-
vention in Willard Hall in Fair-
mont, on Saturday May 22, 1920 at
10 o'clock a. m. to endorse candi-
dates for Marion county.

H. O. WHITE,
Secy.-Treas.

COTTAGES FOR SALE.

Two cottages on Locust avenue
right in front of Normal school
well arranged, substantially built;
lots are beautifully located. These
cottages will make most excellent
homes. Will be sold on exception-
ally easy terms.

TELEPHONE 1634.
Greater Fairmont
Investment Company.

RED ARMY DRIVING THE POLES BACK

Bolsheviki Are Also Scoring
Successes in Per-
sia.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, May 20.—The offensive
began last Friday by the Bolsheviks
against the Poles along a 50-mile line
on the northern front was continuing
successfully up to Wednesday, accord-
ing to official statement from the
Soviet government received by wire-
less from Moscow today. The Polish
retreat was continuing, and was pan-
icky at some points, the statement de-
clares.

WARSAW, May 19.—The Bolsheviks
have launched an attack on the north-
ern front between the River Dvina and
Borisov, and the Poles have been com-
pelled to surrender ground in the face
of superior forces, says an official com-
munication issued today.
The communication adds that the
fighting continues, but does not give
the distance the Poles have with-
drawn.

Persian Town Captured.
LONDON, May 19.—Bolshevik
forces landed from 13 ships near En-
zell, in Persia, on the Caspian Sea, yes-
terday, it was learned here today. The
officer in charge of Enzell was com-
pelled to accept the Bolshevik terms,
owing to the superiority of the Bolshe-
viki and the same night the British
evacuated Enzell.

The Bolsheviks won important suc-
cesses over the Poles on passing the
Dvina river at Polotsk, in the govern-
ment at Vitebsk, according to an of-
ficial statement sent out by the Soviet
government at Moscow today. The
Poles were forced to withdraw, the
statement adds, and the population re-
ceived the Bolshevik troops with en-
thusiasm.

VISITORS HERE FROM COLUMBUS TONIGHT

Local Business Men Invited
to Attend Smoker at
the Fairmont.

Plans are completed for the enter-
tainment this evening of the dele-
gation of Columbus, Ohio, business men
by the local Chamber of Commerce.
The delegation will arrive here at 5:55
and will be taken over the city in auto-
mobiles. Morgan Chambers, head of
this committee, has secured a full sup-
ply of machines for this part of the
program.
At 8:15 tonight a smoker will be
held at the Fairmont hotel, at which
time a number of short speeches will
be made by members of the visiting
delegation and local citizens. T. I.
Brett, head of the entertainment com-
mittee, desires a large turnout of local
business men at the smoker this even-
ing.

LEGION PARADE TO BE BIG AFFAIR

Final preparations were made by
Major Ulysses S. Knapp Wednesday
night to the big parade to be given
Friday afternoon. Major Knapp has
appointed as aides George McCrory,
Paul Fleming and Paul Shinn.

A large turnout is expected in the
parade, a number of organizations hav-
ing signified their intention to par-
ticipate. Among those already heard
from are the Rotary club, Red Cross,
Knights of Malta, Knights of Colum-
bus, High school with drum corps,
Moose lodge with band, colored Elks,
members of the colored post, Ameri-
can Legion, and a number of organi-
zations from nearby towns.

Governor John J. Cornwell will ar-
rive in the city Friday morning and
will review the parade from the court
house steps at half past two, after
which he will deliver an address at the
South Side baseball park before the
ball game between the Mammington and
Fairmont legion teams.

Tickets for the dollar dinner for
former service men to be served at the
Masonic Temple at seven o'clock are
finding a ready sale among the world
war veterans and the prospects are
bright for a large attendance.

Practically every mercantile and in-
dustrial enterprise in Marion county
has announced that business will
close at noon tomorrow to afford an
opportunity to the employees to par-
ticipate in the day's festivities. All
veterans are requested to meet at the
legion headquarters in the court house
yard at 1:30 p. m. Friday.

NOTICE.

Meado Post No. 6 Grand Army
Republic, will meet in front of the
Court House at 2 o'clock p. m.
sharp on Friday, May 21st to join
our comrades of the American Le-
gion in the Patriotic Parade. Auto-
mobiles will be provided for the
comrades unable to march. All sol-
diers are requested to come with
us. Be promptly on time.

E. A. REIDENSTADT,
Post Commander

ARMED DEPUTIES IN CHARGE AT MATEWAN WHERE MINERS AND DETECTIVES CLASHED

Albert C. Felts Was Professional Foe of the Miners

(By Associated Press.)
DENVER, Col., May 20.—Detective
Albert C. Felts, killed in the
miners' troubles at Matewan, W.
Va., yesterday, figured in the Lud-
low strike trouble in Colorado in 1913.
At a congressional inquiry into
the troubles held here in Feb-
ruary, 1914, Felts testified that he
had been employed by the coal
operators here for years and
brought a machine gun from West
Virginia to be used in strike riots.
Before coming here he had been
in West Virginia, according to his
testimony.

U.M.W. HEAD SAYS AFFAIR IS SHOCKING

Lewis Sends Telegram to
Governor Cornwell
About It.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 20.—John L.
Lewis, president of the United Mine
Workers, here in connection with
the coal miners' war negotiations, sent
a telegram to Governor Cornwell of
West Virginia today commenting on
the disturbance last night at Matewan
and further lawless activities by murder-
ous hirelings of the coal operators.
The telegram as made public by
Lewis follows:

"Press dispatches today tell
of another shocking outrage in
the long list of such incidents
that have been perpetrated in
your state by private detectives
in the employ of coal corpora-
tions. Undoubtedly the Ameri-
can public must be astounded to
know that such conditions can
exist in any state in this Union.

"For years the terrible evil of
this system has been pointed out,
out, but this latest outrage in-
dicates that little or nothing has
been done to insure to peaceful
citizens the right to live. Twelve
human lives have been sacrificed
to this system and the blood of
these twelve men justly belongs
on the hands of those who could
prevent such murders but who
fail to do so.

"I desire once more to direct
your attention to the failure of
the State of West Virginia to af-
ford protection to its citizens in
the coal mining districts and to
urge that policies be adopted and
measures carried out that will
prevent further lawless activities
by these murderous hirelings of
the coal operators."

I a statement Lewis said:
"We have repeatedly called the at-
tention of Governor Cornwell to the
terrible conditions existing in the
Guyan river, Tug river, Little Coal
river, and Pocahontas coal fields
of that state. In all of those districts
police powers have been assumed by
the private detectives in the employ
of coal companies. There is no war-
rant in law or justice for the action
of private detectives in assuming po-
lice powers. That power belongs
exclusively to the state."

Three Churches Had Perfect Records

Through an oversight on the part
of the City Missionary Union, the
names of two churches were omitted
from the list of those winning all 12
points in the standard of excellence
report on Wednesday evening at the
Diamond street church. It was re-
ported last night that only Christ
church won all 12 points and the Pal-
mer church and Grace Lutheran
church should have been mentioned also
as all three churches were on the 12
point honor list. Seven churches al-
together won honor pennants which
will be presented at the open execu-
tion meeting in June. Churches win-
ning 11 point honors are: First Meth-
odist Episcopal, Diamond street M. E.
First Presbyterian and M. E. South.

DEATH OF MRS. SUSA LAMAR.
Mrs. Susa Lamar, aged 36, wife of
Henry Lamar, died at her home on
Pennsylvania avenue last evening af-
ter an illness with influenza. The body
was prepared for burial by Undertaker
R. C. Jones. Funeral services will be
held Friday at eleven o'clock and
burial will be made at Woodlawn cem-
etery.

FOR SALE.

Model 99—Overland—Car—Wire
wheels like new. Driven 3,000
miles. Phone 518R.

Sheriff Blankenship Reports Situation is Well in Hand And Says Death List Numbers 10

STATE POLICE SLOW IN ARRIVING

Trouble Which Began When Baldwin
Men Started to Evict Miners
From Corporation Houses
Leads to Bloody Battle

(By Associated Press.)
WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 20.—Six troopers of the West Vir-
ginia State police arrived here at dawn on their way to Matewan, W. Va.,
according to Sheriff Blankenship. He reported there had been no further dis-
turbances in the mining towns. Armed deputies still were patrolling the street
awaiting the arrival of the state police.

The list of dead had been reduced from 12 to 10, he said, with five wounded,
but he was unable to say what names might be eliminated from the death list.

(By Associated Press.)
MATEWAN, W. Va., May 20.—With
100 deputy sheriffs armed with rifles
patrolling the streets and detachments
of the state, contrary to expectation
arrived at any moment, the situation in
this mining village, the scene of the
killing of 12 persons last night in bat-
tle between private detectives and citi-
zens, was quiet early today.

The deputies rushed here late last
night by Sheriff Blankenship of Mingo
county, had the situation well in hand
at day break. They made no effort to
disperse gatherings of citizens at the
Norfolk and Western railroad station
where the state troopers were expected
to leave their trains when they ar-
rived.

Last night's shooting in which Bald-
win-Felts detectives clashed with citi-
zens and the Matewan police, resulted
in a number of miners from coal
company houses yesterday. Two
Stone Mountain mines were closed re-
cently when it became known that an
effort was being made to unionize
them. The miners claimed that the
detectives were sent to dispossess fam-
ilies of workers who had been dis-
missed by the concern.

A shot said to have been fired from
a coat pocket by Albert Felts, a de-
tective, and which ended the life of
Mayor Testerman, of Matewan, start-
ed the battle an instant after he fired.
Felts, according to authorities, was
killed by "Sid" Hatfield, chief of po-
lice of Matewan. The shooting then
became general and when the battle
ended seven detectives, the mayor and
four coal miners were dead and three
other persons badly wounded. Felts
it is said had a warrant for the arrest
of Sid Hatfield on a charge that he
had taken a prisoner from detectives
some time ago. The mayor was read-
ing the warrant when killed.

The death list is as follows: Mayor
Cabell Testerman, L. C. Felts, H. E.
Felts, E. A. Powell, A. J. Booker, J. W.
Ferguson, L. M. Brown, C. B. Gunning-
ham, all detectives; James Miller,
Patrick Kinaley, William Rohr, Neal
Brewer, miners.
The wounded—Samuel Arnold, John
Baldwin, James Chamberlain, and
members of the state police on the scene
this morning. The time of their arrival was
not known.

Colonel Jackson Arnold, com-
mander of the West Virginia state po-
lice, arrived here this afternoon. Ar-
rangements were made for the burial
of the slain men after the arrival of Col-
onel Arnold and the taking of testimony
begin by the coroner of Mingo county.
Many persons were on the streets
but there was no disorder of any kind.
It was reported that search was be-
ing made for the two detectives who
fired after the shooting. One of the
men believed to have been killed was
while trying to take a train when he
had been found.

There was still some uncertainty
as to the number of persons killed in
battle, but at the police station it was
estimated that there was no reason to change
the estimate of 12. The body of Sid
will be taken into Baylark, W. Va., for
interment tomorrow.

ROANOKE, Va., May 20.—W. B.
Baldwin general manager of the Bald-
win Detective Agency issued a
statement giving his version of
shooting last night.

A. C. Felts, with some eight or
nine of our detectives was at Matewan
doing some work for coal operators.
Their work was finished and they
were on the streets near the station
preparing to take a train when they
were approached by a man whom
Hatfield and they got into some con-
trovercy. A shot was fired and
Felts fell dead and the shooting then
came general. A. C. Felts, D. B. Har-
gins, C. B. Cunningham, A. J. Booker,
J. W. Ferguson, E. O. Powell and
C. Felts were shot down by some
men who were not secreted in houses and
other points of advantage.

General Wood Talked To F. H. S. Students

General Leonard Wood spoke to the
students at the High school yesterday
afternoon at three o'clock following
his address at the court house and de-
lighted the faculty members and pu-
pils. General Wood was asked to
speak there but it was not thought
likely he could do so and school offi-
cials were delighted when he complied
with the request. He spoke to the pu-
pils on the importance of an educa-
tion and other matters pertaining to
school work and touched also on the
poor pay teachers were accorded and
hoped this condition would be rapidly
improved. He was enthusiastically
greeted by the students.

General Wood and his party left for
Morgantown on the 4:12 train on the
Monongahela road.

High School Exhibits Begin This Evening

The annual exhibit of the domestic
science domestic art and manual
training departments of the Fairmont
High school will be opened this eve-
ning for the inspection of the public
and those attending the parent-teach-
er association will be given an oppor-
tunity to view the work done by the
pupils of the departments. Invita-
tions have been issued which read
as follows:
The faculty of the Fairmont High
school cordially invites you to visit
and inspect the annual exhibit of all
the departments of instruction of the
high school to be held at the high
school building Thursday, May 20,
7:30 till 10 o'clock, and Friday, May
21, from 3 till 5 in the afternoon and
7:30 till 9:30 in the evening."

MASONS LOOKING FOR THE PAVING PROBLEM

Hon. O. S. McKinney Named
on Committee to Visit
Lexington, Ky.

Members of the board of trustees
of the Masonic Grand Lodge of West Vir-
ginia and the board of trustees of
the Masonic Home met at the court
house yesterday. The question of
paving and road paving were discussed
length.

A committee composed of Dr. J. B.
Clark, Norfolk; Hon. O. S. McKinney,
Fairmont, and John H. Hargraves,
Parkersburg, was appointed to
visit Lexington, Ky., to inspect the
asphalt roadways which are an ex-
cellent service. The committee
will be accompanied by Dr. J. B. Clark
and Dr. H. B. Hargraves. The trip
will be very economical compared to
other trips and will be a most in-
structive one.

The grading at the home of
home in Wood county, West Vir-
ginia, is progressing rapidly. The
conditions are that no more work
will be done until the summer.
At their present rate of work
the foreign oil pipeline will be
completed in 250 years.

All Fairmont Banks
Will Close at 1 p. m.
American Legion Day
Friday, May 21st

This closing of all local banks will enable
members of the American Legion and others
to participate in the parade and other exer-
cises planned for Friday afternoon.

CLOSE FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Proprietors of stores, offices and other business concerns are
earnestly requested to close their places of business at noon, Friday,
May 21, in order that all persons may participate in the Governors
Day Exercises. Many executives have already announced their inten-
tion to comply with the Mayor's proclamation.

FORMER SERVICE MEN

All World War Veterans are urged to report at the headquarters
tent in the court house yard not later than 1:30 o'clock Friday to par-
ticipate in the parade and review and other events of the day.

DOLLAR DINNER TICKETS

May be obtained at the court house headquarters tent anytime.
Governor Cornwell and Colonel R. G. Cholomey Jones, director of the
Bureau of War Risk Insurance will be speakers at the banquet in the
Masonic Temple at seven o'clock to which all former service men are
invited.

These Events are under the Auspices of
Fred Heintzelman Post No. 17
AMERICAN LEGION

Former Service Men Enjoy Greater Advantages Through Membership in the American Legion. Join Heintzelman Post